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## **'LOVE UNDER THE OLIVE TREE** **Cast Bios**

**TORI ANDERSON (Nicole Cabella)** — Tori Anderson was born in Edmonton, Alberta and at the age of one moved to Vancouver Island, British Columbia. The second-youngest from a family of five children, Anderson and her siblings grew up immersed in the arts and in an endless list of farm chores. Upon graduating high school, Anderson moved to Toronto and received a BFA from York University's Acting Conservatory. From there, she began working professionally in theatre, film and TV.

Best known for her starring role in The CW's "No Tomorrow," a much-loved romantic comedy, Anderson was most recently seen in a season-long recurring role on NBC's "Blindspot." She also appeared in last year's "Return to Christmas Creek," which aired on Hallmark Movies & Mysteries as part of the "Miracles of Christmas" programming event.

Other credits include portraying recurring characters on Syfy's "Killjoys," The CW's "The LA Complex" and Nickelodeon's "The Other Kingdom." Her recent television credits include starring in the YTV, TeenNick series "Open Heart" and appearing in guest roles on The CW series "Reign." Anderson has also appeared in the films *Killing Daddy*, *The Mermaid*, *To Have and to Hold* and *Cable Beach*. On stage, Anderson has portrayed Michelle Phillips in *Dream a Little Dream* at the Phoenix Theatre in Arizona and Viv in *Habit* at the Luminato Festival.

Anderson currently resides in Toronto.

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**BENJAMIN HOLLINGSWORTH (Jake Brandini)** – A classically trained actor and native of Canada, Benjamin Hollingsworth graduated from the National Theatre School of Canada (NTS), a prestigious three-year acting conservatory program in Montréal.

In his first professional role under the direction of NTS alumnus Ted Dykstra, Hollingsworth was nominated for a Robert Merritt Award for his on-stage portrayal of Lance Corporal Dawson, in *A Few Good Men*, by Aaron Sorkin. Hollingsworth shifted his focus from theater to film and television and quickly found footing in the Toronto film industry, guest starring on several popular Canadian TV series, including "Degrassi: The Next Generation," "Heartland" and HBO Canada's "The Line" by George F. Walker.

Hollingsworth's breakout role came when he landed the lead in his feature film debut alongside Demi Moore, David Duchovny and Amber Heard in the highly acclaimed film feature *The Joneses* in 2010. Following *The Joneses*, he was cast in a new CW series called "The Beautiful Life" (2009) starring Misha Barton, Sara Paxton and Gal Gadot. The series, produced by Ashton Kutcher, cast Hollingsworth in the lead role of Chris Andrews, a character that was loosely based on Kutcher's

own experiences in the industry. Shortly after, Hollingsworth went on to recur in several TV series, including a memorable turn as Kyle Durant on the first season of USA's "Suits;" followed by multiple recurring roles on The CW's "The Tomorrow People" and "Cult."

Hollingsworth made his return to network TV as a series regular in CBS' medical drama "Code Black" (2015) in which he played Dr. Mario Savetti – a performance that earned him a Golden Maple Award nomination for Best Actor in a TV series. In 2019, the actor made his return to the big screen with two feature films; Lionsgate's revenge thriller *Hard Powder* starring Liam Neeson, Laura Dern and Emmy Rossum, and the David Cronenberg remake of the 1977 cult classic *Rabid* from the Soska Twins. He will soon be seen in his series regular role of Brady in the new Netflix original series "Virgin River."

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